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SUBJ: SUMITOMO SHOJI STUDIES CRUDE OIL TANK STORAGE FACILITY

ON OKINO DAITT ISLAND, NOW A US NAVY GUNNERY RANGE

BEGIN SUMMARY. OKINAWA PRESS REPORTS THAT SUMITOMOSHIOJI

IS STUDYING THE FEASIBILITY OF BUILDING A BILLION GALLON

CRUDE OIL TANK STORAGE FACILITY ON OKINO DAITO ISLAND IN LINE

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WITH GOJ HIGH PRIORITY ENERGY POLICY. AREA IS NOW A U. S. NAVY  
GUNNERY RANGE WITH RESTRICTED CONTIGUOUS WATERS. END SUMMARY.

1. THE VERNACULAR RYUKYU SHIMPO, JULY19, 1973, REPORTED THAT  
SUMITOMO SHOJI, A MAJOR JAPANESE TRADING COMPANY, IS STUDYING  
THE FEASIBILITY OF BUILDING A BILLION GALLON CRUDE OIL TANK

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STORAGE FACILITY (CTS), AT COST OF A FEW HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS,

ON OKINO DAITO SHIMA (ALSO KNOWN AS RASA ISLAND). THIS SMALL UNINHABITED ISLAND, PART OF OKINAWA PREFECTURE, LIES APPROXIMATELY 250 KILOMETER EAST OF OKINAWA AND 100 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF THE INHABITED TWO NORTHERN DAITO ISLANDS. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, THE CTS FACILITY WOULD CONSIST OF FORTY TANKS, EACH WITH A 25 MILLION GALLON CAPACITY, AN OFF-SHORE PIPELINE TO UNLOAD CRUDE FROM TANKERS, AND APPROPRIATE TYPHOON-RESISTANT SEAWALLS. IN LINE WITH THE GOJ'S HIGH PRIORITY ENERGY POLICY OF INCREASING POL RESERVE SUPPLIES FROM THE PRESENT 45 DAYS TO 60 DAYS, SUMITOMO REPORTEDLY STUDIED POSSIBLE CTS SITES FROM HOKKAIDO TO OKINAWA. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT OF 19 JULY, ON-SITE INSPECTION SHOWED IT TO BE A PROMISING SITE, PARTICULARLY SINCE IT LACKS LOCAL RESIDENTS TO PROTEST AGAINST POLLUTION AND OTHER

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PROBLEMS RELATED TO CTS.

2. THE RUB LIES IN FACT THAT OKINO DAITO SHIMA IS U. S NAVY GUNNERY RANGE WITH RESTRICTED CONTIGUOUS WATERS (FACILITY NO. 6088). THE PRESS REPORTS NOTES THAT SUMITOMO IS NOW STUDYING HOW TO RAISE THE PROBLEM WITH APPROPRIATE GOJ AGENCIES AND WITH U. S. FORCES.

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